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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 27, 1864.—Postponed until Monday, in the morning hour, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. Foote.]

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of adopting some such preamble and resolutions as the following, viz.:

Whereas, the Constitution of the Confederate States has entrusted Congress, in a very especial manner, with the control and regulation of the currency; and whereas, it will be impossible that Congress can perform this duty effectually unless the office of Secretary of the Treasury be occupied by some individual of unquestioned high ability as a financier, whose views in regard to important matters of finance, and especially in regard to the currency, are in harmony with those of Congress, and who shall be willing, at all times, to carry into prompt and efficient operation the deliberate enactments of Congress upon this important subject; and whereas, the Secretary of the Treasury, for the reasons above suggested, has been made, by the Constitution, directly responsible to Congress; now, without claiming in the least degree a right to trench upon the undoubted prerogative of the Executive Department in matters of

official appointment and removal from office, but with a sincere desire to harmonize with the President in all things appertaining to the public weal; be it

Resolved, That, without intending to call in question the honesty or patriotism of the present incumbent of the Treasury Department, it is the deliberate judgment of this House that the public welfare does demand that he should no longer be retained in said Department; but that some other individual, of proper ability as a financier, more likely to be successful in administering the affairs of said Department, and more likely to command the public confidence, should be appointed in his place.

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